



# ***COMMITTEE of the WHOLE***

## ***CITY COUNCIL***

**MINUTES**  
**July 09, 2007**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**Council Office**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

V. Spencer, S. Fuhs, S. Marmarou, M. Baez, J. Waltman, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, D. Sterner

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

C. Kanezo, C. Younger, L. Churchill, L. Kelleher

### **I. Executive Session**

City Council went into executive session at 5:10p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

### **II. Agenda Review**

Mr. Churchill requested Council defer taking action on the proposed Water Authority appointment, until the members had an opportunity to meet with representatives from Financial Solutions. Mr. Spencer thought it wise to table the resolution to allow Mr. Waltman, who was absent at the beginning of the meeting, the opportunity to provide input. Council agreed to table the resolution appointing Joe Kuzminski to the Reading Area Water Authority.

Mr. Marmarou noted the appointments of Eron Lloyd and Harriet Rauenzahn will partially constitute the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB). Mr. Kanezo stated staff, in cooperation with the Managing Director and Deb Hoag, will arrange an orientation meeting. The meeting will be scheduled for some point in August. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz asked to be involved with all matters related to the EAB.

Mr. Fuhs questioned the wisdom of adopting the hazard vulnerability and mitigation plan proposed by the Berks County Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Fuhs explained such plans consist of boilerplate language, purchased directly from a consultant's shelf. Mr. Fuhs repeated prior criticisms of Reading's emergency management procedures, citing the current plans lack of specificity as a major defect.

Ms. Kelleher explained endorsing the resolution would not obligate the City to following the recommendations contained in the plan. The hazard plan is a nonbinding document, offering nothing more than recommendations.

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda A. Kelleher, City Clerk